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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant : Keiiji SHIODA et al
Serial No. : 10/662,198
Filed : September 11, 2003
For : SURGICAL MICROSCOPIC SYSTEM
Art Unit : 2872
Examiner : NGUYEN, THONG Q.
Customer No.: 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
December 29, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
January 29, 2005.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species I, claims 1-15, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

As indicated above, the claims readable on elected Species I
are claims 1-15.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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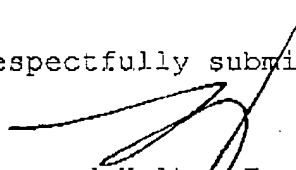
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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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